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TITLE: Message Handling Method, Message Handling Apparatus, and
Memory Media for Storing a Message Handling Apparatus Controlling
Program

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir,

Prior to an office action on the merits, please amend the
application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after title insert:

This is a divisional patent application of copending application
No. 09/090,506 filed 06/04/98

IN THE CLAIMS:


Please delete claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-21 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 7 and 18 are now pending in this case.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the Application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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